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RIGIS Upcoming Event Calendar

RIGIS Standards Working Group meeting on 12/5/12 from 1-3pm @ Fuss & O'Neill (317 Iron Horse Way, Suite 204, Providence, RI). Agenda is to continue working on a revised RIGIS statewide parcel mapping standard.

NEURISA: LiDAR Technical Workshop online webinar on 12/13/12 time TBD. This is a follow-up to the keynote speaker presentation at NEURISA Day 2012. Please see <http://www.neurisa.org/events> for more information.

RIGIS Outreach & Education Working Group meeting on 12/14/12 from 3-5pm. This meeting will be held via conference call. Please contact Michele Giorgianni (Group Chair) at 860-643-4401 x304 for information on how to join the meeting.

Social Equity in Rhode Island



More than forty Rhode Island state, municipal, and community leaders met on Thursday, November 15th at the Blackstone Valley Visitors Center to discuss how to improve social equity in the state.

The gathering was a joint effort of the Rhode Island Sustainable Communities Consortium and newly-formed Social Equity Advisory Committee and the Commission on Health Advocacy and Equity with support from the Division of Planning and the Department of Health's Office of Minority Health.

Representatives from PolicyLink, a national research institute based in Oakland, CA, and Providence Plan facilitated the discussion, guiding attendees through presentations and discussions that explored the ways that planning and public health are linked to inequities in access, opportunity, and investment in Rhode Island.

PolicyLink presented information on the state of equity in Rhode Island, focusing on disparities in employment, education, health, and housing costs that exist for people of color in the state. In the coming months, PolicyLink will expand the presentation into a comprehensive "Equity Profile of the State of Rhode Island," which will provide critical baseline information for the Sustainable Communities effort as it works to incorporate equity into its planning process and outcomes.

Three community organizations, DARE, English for Action, and the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island spoke about some of the problems facing Rhode Island communities and what they are doing to address them.

After the formal presentations, participants broke into small groups for intensive conversations on the values that underlie equity and the ways they can inform the Sustainable Communities and Health Commission efforts. Attendees concluded the meeting by identifying specific steps they would take to incorporate equity into their own work.

Over the next two years, the Division of Planning, the Consortium, and Social Equity Advisory Committee will collaborate to embed social equity into all of the work done through the \$1.9 million Sustainable Communities grant Rhode Island received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development earlier this year.

For more information on the Sustainable Communities effort, please visit <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/communities/sustainable.html>. Information on the Commission on Health Advocacy and Equity is available at <http://www.health.ri.gov/partners/commissions/healthadvocacyandequity/index.php>

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



Technical Committee

Scheduled for December 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

State Planning Council

Scheduled for December 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

Transportation Advisory Committee

No meeting in the month of December

RIGIS Executive Committee

Scheduled for December 12, 2012 1-3pm @ USDA-NRCS (60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI; main conference room). Meetings are open to the public. Agendas can be found 48 hours in advance of each meeting at <http://sos.ri.gov/>



Census Data Bulletin: Employment Data for Rhode Island Planners

With jobs and the economy on the mind of the American public, many planners in Rhode Island are paying close attention to local and statewide economic development efforts. Economic conditions don't only affect unemployment, they also impact many land use issues, from where people live to the kind of housing they can afford, from transportation infrastructure to commercial development.

Community Connection RI Calendar

This online calendar is a one-stop resource of information for the public and local and state decision-makers about upcoming training programs, workshops, seminars and conferences that:

- relate to land-use and water resources, and
- are designed to help attendees expand the knowledge and skills attendees need to participate effectively in community planning and development and resource protection efforts.

The calendar was developed by Grow Smart Rhode Island and the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve as a clearinghouse for land-use and water resources programs relevant to Rhode Island. The calendar can be found on Grow Smart Rhode Island's website at www.growsmartri.org.

WTS-Rhode Island Holiday Social

Come and celebrate the holiday season with WTS-Rhode Island on Wednesday, December 12 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for an informal gathering at Bar Louie in Providence, RI. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. To RSVP please contact Amy Archer at 508-823-2245 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 11. Reservations are required!

There is no cost to attend, but in the spirit of the holiday season we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase art supplies for the Therapeutic Art Program at PACE-RI. Or feel free to bring donation items, such as paint brushes, acrylic paint, and canvas boards to the event.

For the Holiday Social flyer, click the following link: http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/WTS-Rhode_Island_-_2012_Holiday_Social.pdf



Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District

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Jessica Blackledge, info@easternriconservation.org For Immediate Release November 2012

Are you an agricultural producer or a woodlot owner who has been curious about the potential of your land? Funding may be available for conservation practices on your farm or woodlot! The Rhode Island Conservation Districts have partnered with the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service to hold three workshops the week of November 26, 2012.

Workshops will focus on various programs designed to improve natural resource quality while enhancing agricultural and forest production on your land through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

NRCS programs enable landowners to solve resource issues from soil erosion to irrigation to simply conserving open space. Available plans include (but are not limited to) full farm conservation plans, grazing plans, forestry management plans, irrigation systems, heavy-use areas, high tunnels, erosion control, stream crossings, wildlife habitat, nutrient management, and hoop house installation.

The 'Open House' format of these workshops will present special interests stations (including forestry, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, easements and greenhouse operations) and allow for focus on specific programs and practices. Stop by anytime between 5:30 and 8:00 PM to speak with NRCS representatives about your own individual needs\concerns. You will also have an opportunity to learn about your local Conservation District, Nutrient Management, RI Raised Livestock Association, and RI Resource Conservation & Development.

Space is limited! Please contact your Conservation District for immediate assistance with any questions you may have and to register for the workshops. Workshop dates and times are as follows (Registration strongly encouraged!!):

Eastern District:

(Contact Jessica Blackledge at 401-816-5667),
Monday, November 26th 5:30-8:00 pm
Middletown Public Library
700 West Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842

Northern District:

(Contact Kate Sayles at 401-934-0840)
Tuesday, November 27th 5:30-8:00 pm
North Scituate Public Library
606 West Greenville Road, North Scituate, RI 02857 5:30 to 8 PM

Southern District:

(Contact Cindy Kwolek at 401-500-0422)
Thursday, November 29th 5:30-8:00 pm
Richmond Grange
680 Usquepaugh Road, West Kingston RI 02892

This project is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. USDA-NRCS provides financial and technical leadership to help agricultural producers and non-industrial forest landowners voluntarily conserve soil, water, air, plants, animals and other natural resources.

University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops

1. Using ArcGIS.com: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web

Dates: January 15, 2013; 8:30 AM - 12:30 pm, **Registration Fee :** \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. **No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!**

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
- Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map

Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

2. Introduction to GIS :

Dates: January 8 - 10, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 pm, **Registration Fee:** \$750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1®, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs.

We also work extensively with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS)) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on [**Getting Started with GIS \(for ArcGIS 10\)**](http://Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course. **Topics Covered:**

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops cont'd

Private Well Workshop Calendar

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

North Kingstown Public Library, 100 Boone Street, North Kingstown, RI

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Louitt Library, Route 102, West Greenwich, RI



Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free. Call (401) 874-4918 to register. During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:

- Regular testing
- Private well maintenance
- Good housekeeping practices for your well

The workshops are hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

Municipal Training Offered- Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews

The Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative is offering training for Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and Town Councils. **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews** is led by experienced Land Use Attorneys and Planners, this workshop will guide you through your legal responsibilities as a public official in Rhode Island and discuss in detail the legally required procedures and best practices that should be followed in conducting land use reviews. The workshop provides ample time for participant questions.



We will be offering the one-night training in Foster at the Foster Center Fire Station on Wednesday, November 28th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm (including a light dinner).

The total training fee is \$30.00; the fee covers training, training manual, and a light supper. The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust provides registration fee assistance for Trust members for this training.

Advance registration by Monday, November 19th is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.